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in the Uterine Epithelium and in the Epithelium of other Organs

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents (except U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are attached.

The references 1) and 3) to 6) have been cited in the International Search Report (copy attached) of the international patent application of which the instant application is a national stage filing. Reference 2) is the equivalent of the reference WO 0190344 cited in the specification on page 3 (3rd paragraph). Please note that reference 1) has also been discussed in the instant specification on page 3 (2nd paragraph).

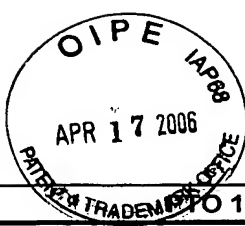
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